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Title : Problems being faced by the farmers cultivating Plantation Crops in Census-2011.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): Sir, I draw your attention towards an important issue pertaining to the inclusion of cultivators of tea, coffee, rubber, coconut and areca nut under the category of farmers in Bharat Census 2011. In the census notification 2011, it has been categorically stated that farmers who cultivate plantation crops such as tea, rubber, coffee, coconut and areca nut are not being considered as farmers. This is directly affecting the lives of thousands of farmers in Kerala. The fact is that a lot of ordinary farmers are depending upon these crops for their livelihood even though these crops are generally considered as plantation crops. There are farmers in this category holding even up to ten cents of land. Consequently, these farmers would not be getting benefits of loan waivers or any such incentives as they are being put in the category of 'other jobs'.

I would request the Government to take immediate measures to get it corrected and to protect the interest of farmers all over India.